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This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated September 14, 2007, which set forth a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on December 14, 2007. Submitted with the present Response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby increasing the time for responding to the outstanding Office Action to January 14, 2008, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.